

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The specification has been amended to include section headings; no new matter is introduced by way of these amendments.

Claims 7-14 have been canceled without prejudice.

New claims 15-21 replace claims 7-14. The new claims find support in the specification, the drawing figures, and the claims as originally filed. No new matter is introduced by way of these new claims.

New claims 22 and 23 further claim the invention. Claims 22 and 23 are supported by the specification, the drawing figures, and the claims as originally filed and do not introduce new matter.

The Official Action rejected claims 7-9, 12 and 14 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Takeuchi (US 6,816,381; "TAKEUCHI").

The Official Action rejected claims 10-11 and 13 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over TAKEUCHI in view of Lewis (US 4,666,055; "LEWIS").

The rejections are respectfully traversed for at least the reasons that follow.

New claim 15 is independent and is based on canceled claim 7. It is respectfully submitted that neither TAKEUCHI or LEWIS, individually or in combination, teach or suggest a metal

housing having a side wall with a recessed wall having a concavity oriented toward the outside of the housing and surrounded by the side wall (8), as required by claim 15. It is also respectfully submitted that neither TAKEUCHI or LEWIS, individually or in combination, teach or suggest a ledge of the side wall having a top surface, a bottom surface, and a side surface, wherein the bottom surface of the ledge forms a top portion of the recessed area, and connected to an inclined surface of the recessed area inclined relative to the plane of the side wall, as required by claim 15.

On the contrary, TAKEUCHI teaches a side wall 30 with a cut-away portion 32 having an inclined portion. At best, the cut-away portion 32 is bordered on only two sides by a planar side wall (Figure 1). TAKEUCHI at least fails to teach a recessed area surrounded by the side wall.

As to the second reference, LEWIS teaches a top wall 40 with an upper surface 50 and a lower surface 52, a boss 18 adapted for receiving a screw extending outwardly from the upper surface 50 on the top wall (column 4, lines 32-44; Figures 1-2). Neither reference teaches or suggests the structure recited in claim 15.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 15 is patentable over TAKEUCHI and LEWIS.

Is it also respectfully submitted that claims depending from claim 15 are also patentable over TAKEUCHI and LEWIS at least for depending from a patentable claim.

It is further respectfully submitted that new independent claim 22 and claim 23 depending therefrom are patentable over TAKEUCHI and LEWIS for at least the same reasons set forth above as to claim 15.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

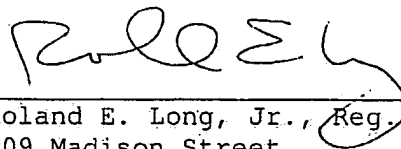
From the foregoing, it will be apparent that applicants have fully responded to the July 24, 2008 Official Action and that the claims as presented are patentable. In view of this, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims, as presented, and their early passage to issue.

In order to expedite the prosecution of this case, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the attorney for applicants at the number set forth below if the Examiner is of the opinion that further discussion of this case would be helpful.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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